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1. The Bulgarian 2nd Armored Brigade is at Plovdiv and consists of two regiments. It is commanded by a Colonel Boufilov. Attached to it are also a Soviet colonel, a major, two captains and a number of NCO's, all in Bulgarian uniform.

2. The 1st Regiment of this Brigade has about 60 tanks of 30 to 40 tons with 75-m guns. These tanks are equipped with radio sets. Most of the tanks are of German make, but some, which are used for training purposes, are Russian. This regiment also has a signal unit, which includes in its composition armored cars and trucks belonging to the regimental command. It also has an engineer unit with pontoon material, six large inflated boats and 12 trucks.

3. The 2nd Regiment is under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Mandjurev. This regiment has two battalions of four companies each, which are as follows:

One tank company	- 16 light tanks.
One mortar company	- Six heavy and six light mortars. (In December 1946 this company had 24 mortars.) The material is German.
One assault company	- Eight flame-throwers and three light machine guns, with a personnel of 30 men armed with Soviet tommy-guns.
One company which has 26 all-purposes cars, three to five Diesel trucks, 50 other trucks, two armored vehicles, presumably staff cars. (This company occupies the barracks of the 2nd Engineer Regiment in Plovdiv.)	

4. In addition, the 2nd Armored Brigade has about 50 reserve tanks and 100 trucks left by the Russians. This material is at present at Karlovo.

5. The strength of the Brigade is about 2,000 men.

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